

Biography of
THE HONORABLE EDDIE CHEATHAM
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIRMAN – LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING-STATE
AGENCIES
SENATE DISTRICT 26

Senator Eddie Cheatham represents Senate District 26, which is comprised of Ashley, Bradley, Chicot and Drew counties and portions of Cleveland, Desha and Lincoln counties. Senator Cheatham is serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate. In the current 90th General Assembly, Senator Cheatham is chairman of Legislative Joint Auditing-State Agencies and vice chairman of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee. His current committee memberships include:

- Senate Education
- Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials
- Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development
- Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs
- Legislative Joint Auditing
- Legislative Joint Auditing-Executive Committee
- Academic Facilities Oversight Committee
- Rural Fire Departments Study Committee
- State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Task Force

During the 89th General Assembly, he was chairman of the Legislative Joint Auditing-Counties and Municipalities. He held membership on several committees including Senate City, County and Local; Senate Education, Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; Joint Budget Committee (JBC); Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Public Retirement and Social Security Programs; ALC-Personnel; JBC-Peer Review; ALC-Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee; Legislative Facilities; Legislative Joint Auditing; Legislative Joint Auditing-Executive Committee; Academic Facilities Oversight Committee and the Arkansas

State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee. He was also active with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

Regionally and nationally, Senator Cheatham works with legislators from across the United States as a member of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He serves on SLC's Education Committee, CSG's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and NCSL's Redistricting and Elections Committee.

Senator Cheatham was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 2006 to serve House District 9. He served three consecutive terms. He is also a former member of the Crossett City Council.

Born in Magnolia, Senator Cheatham retired from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Technical Campus in Crossett. He and his wife, Ginger, have one daughter and one son and four grandchildren. They are members of First United Methodist Church of Crossett.